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New York State Department of State
Suite 1010
One Commerce Place,
99 Washington Avenue
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Dear Sir/Madam;

RE: CSX Transportation, Inc. - Proposed Abandonment - STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub No. 740X)

Please be advised that on May 7, 2015 CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSXT) filed a notice of exemption with the Surface Transportation STB (STB) seeking authority to abandon common carrier obligation in the Northern Region, Albany Division, Niagara Subdivision, also known as the Country Industrial Track from Railroad Milepost QDD 173.33 to QDD 173.81 near Niagara Falls, Niagara county, New York as depicted on the attached map. STB Docket number AB 55 (Sub-No. 740X).

Attached is the STB Environmental Assessment stating on pages six and seven, prior to salvage CSXT shall consult with the New York Department of State to determine whether state coastal management consistency certification is required. CSXT indicated that the salvage may include removal of the rail, crossties, and possibly the upper layer of ballast. No new access roads or access points are required for salvage and no ground disturbance will occur. If you have any questions about the STB's environmental review process, please contact the Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street, NW, Washington, DC 20423, telephone (202) 245-0230 and refer to the above Docket Number. Because the applicable statutes and regulations impose stringent deadlines for processing this action, your comments to OEA (with copy to me) within twenty days, would be appreciated.



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For your convenience, a response form is enclosed. You may email the response to Jo_Burroughs@CSX.com or you may return the form in the self-addressed return envelope which is also enclosed for your convenience.

If your comments have not been received by July 17, 2015 CSXT will take the position before the STB that there are no environmental impacts for the proposed abandonment within your agency's jurisdiction.

If there are any questions concerning this proposal, please contact me directly by telephone at (904) 359-1247 or by the above email address.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Burroughs

Attachments

Copy: STB - OEA, 395 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20423